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1. EMBASSY OFFICER SPOKE WITH CLIFFORD ASHALL AT THE CENTER FOR OVERSEAS PEST RESEARCH ON AUGUST 24. ASHALL BELIEVES THAT THE LOCUST PROBLEM IN THE HORN IS, AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT, WELL IN HAND. ALTHOUGH A SERIOUS THREAT TO KENYA COULD EMERGE, ASHALL SAYS THAT PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES UNDERTAKEN SO FAR SHOULD BE ADEQUATE. FAO AND DONOR COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET DLCOEA'S

IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS.

2. ELABORATING ON INFORMATION IN REFTEL A, ASHALL SAID ODM HERE HAS ALREADY SUPPLIED TWO LOCUST CONTROL AIRPLANES WITH ANOTHER TWO (AND PILOTS) DUE TO ARRIVE IN
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KENYA IN OCTOBER. SIXTEEN LAND ROVERS, ONE TECHNICAL ADVISER ON LOCUST CONTROL, AND ONE AIRCRAFT ENGINEER HAVE ALSO BEEN ASSIGNED. COPR MAY MAKE AVAILABLE TWO ADDITIONAL ADVISERS.

3. IMMEDIATE NEED FOR CONTROL EXISTS IN NORTHERN ETHIOPIA (ERITREA, WOLLO, AND TIGRE) WHERE POLITICAL AND

SECURITY PROBLEMS HAVE COMPOUNDED THE DIFFICULTIES OF TERRAIN. ASHALL UNDERSTANDS FROM ETHIOPIAN SOURCES, HOWEVER, THAT DLCOEA SHOULD BE ABLE TO RESUME OPERATIONS IN MOST OF THE REGION BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THE PROGRAM FOR SOMALIA IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, AND ASHALL BELIEVES MOST OF THIS CAN BE COMPLETED WITHOUT POLITICAL HINDRANCE.

4. LOCUST BREEDING IN THE OGADEN PRESENTS THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM. ETHIOPIANS HAVE TOLD DLCOEA THAT THEY EXPECT TO CARRY OUT SOME CONTROL, BUT ASHALL SUSPECTS THE INSTABILITY THERE WILL PREVENT AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM AND THAT SWARMS ARE THEREFORE LIKELY TO MOVE TOWARDS KENYA. EVEN IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, HOWEVER, ASHALL IS CONFIDENT THAT ADEQUATE PREPARATIONS TO MEET THE THREAT ARE IN TRAIN.

5. COMMENT: IN SHORT, ASHALL'S REMARKS ARE CONSISTENT WITH ODM'S POSITION REPORTED IN REFTTEL A.

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